REPORT

OF THE

COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY

OF THE

STATE OF MARYLAND

December 1st, 1930.

To The Honorable,

The General Assembly of Maryland:

Section 9 of Article 19 of the Annotated Code of Maryland directs the Comptroller to submit annually a statement of the financial affairs of the State, and in accordance therewith I hereby present my report for the fiscal year ended September 30th, 1930.

In submitting this report I would like to call your attention to the report covering the operation of the License Bureau and the Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Department, which departments have grown continually since their establishment and now involve a

large amount of detail.

In submitting my report for the year 1923 I directed your attention to the inadequate facilities provided in the Comptroller's Office for the safe keeping of valuable and important records of this office, and recommended the construction of a fire-proof vault of sufficient size to accommodate them. No action was ever taken in this matter, and the same inadequate facilities still prevail with a continued accumulation of permanent records. To further emphasize the necessity of this improvement I call your attention to the fact that in the spring of 1930 a fire occurred in the basement of the Court of Appeals Building just under the Comptroller's Office, which fortunately was checked before doing any serious damage to the office or building. I still believe that it is important that this improvement should be carried out.

This report contains full statements of the condition of the Department of Finance, and should there be any detail connected with it that might not be perfectly plain to you, I hope you will bear in mind that we will be very glad to have you call on us for

any explanation necessary.

We assure you of our desire to completely co-operate in every way.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. GORDY, JR., Comptroller.